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Over the past few years, we've all seen and read the stories of mountains of landfill piling up. This is unsustainable and we must take immediate steps to reduce the amount of waste we are generating. Estimations are that more than 50% of our landfill is food and organic waste. By putting your food scraps into the food and garden waste bin, you can help us to eliminate half of all the landfill we generate – it is that simple!

We've heard great stories about how the amount of rubbish in landfill bins has decreased for those of you who are using your green bin for food scraps. We are also aware that not everyone is recycling their food scraps and we've heard that for some of our residents that you are concerned with the fortnightly collection of food scraps and the smells it can cause if food is left uncollected for two weeks.

**To address your feedback and allow more food scraps and garden clippings to be collected for composting, we're changing how often food and garden waste bins are collected.**

**From August 2022**, food and garden waste (green lid) bins will be collected weekly and rubbish (red lid) bins will be collected every two weeks.

There will be no additional cost, no changes to your collection day and recycling bins will continue to be collected fortnightly, on the alternate week to rubbish bins.

## Why are we changing?

Placing food scraps in your food and garden waste bin is one of the best ways we can work together to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, decrease greenhouse gas emissions and lower the impact of climate change.

By changing how often food and garden waste bins are collected, we can collect more food and garden clippings for composting. It can also support people to recycle more of their food waste – and we'll be here to support you on this journey.



## Are we the first Council to do this?

No. Our neighbouring Councils, Boroondara and Glen Eira, have already made this switch and other Melbourne Metropolitan Councils will be doing so over the coming year.



## What does the change look like?

Currently, food and garden waste (green lid) bins are collected fortnightly, on the alternate week to recycling bins. The rubbish (red lid) bin is collected every week.

From August 2022, food and garden waste (green lid) bins will be collected weekly. Rubbish (red lid) bins will be collected every two weeks, on the alternate week to recycling (yellow lid) bins.

## Who does this change apply to?

If you have bins allocated to your individual address, this change applies to you. If you don't have a food and garden waste bin, we will work with you (or the property owner, where applicable) to get a bin delivered or look at alternate options to support your waste disposal needs.

If you live in an apartment building, or share bins with other renters, your rubbish bin will continue to be collected weekly. We will work with your Facilities Manager or Body Corporate to look at options for you to recycle food scraps.

## Can I use compostable liners?

Yes, certified compostable liners are accepted. Look for this logo to ensure they are certified compostable:



## When does the change start?

### AREA A

- Recycling week
- Waste week

If you live in **Area A**, and this change applies to you, your food and garden waste bin will be collected weekly, starting from **8 August 2022**.

### AREA B

- Waste week
- Recycling week

If you live in **Area B**, and this change applies to you, your food and garden waste bin will be collected weekly, starting from **1 August 2022**.

## Can I still put food scraps in my rubbish bin?

Yes, but we'd strongly encourage you to put food scraps in your food and garden waste bin. We know that our residents are serious about doing whatever they can to reduce the impacts of climate change, and this is an extremely easy way to do your bit with minimum impact on your day to day lives.

We are here to help, so please contact us if you need support to start recycling food scraps.



## I don't have a food and garden waste bin, can I get one?

Yes, eligible properties will be able to receive a food and garden waste bin.

**You can download an application form at:**

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/request-new-or-additional-bin](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/request-new-or-additional-bin)

✉ [mail@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@monash.vic.gov.au)

☎ 9518 3555

## My household produces a lot of waste, can we get a bigger or extra rubbish bin?

Yes. You are able to request an upgrade of your rubbish bin (from 120L to 240L) or request an additional rubbish bin. **You can download an application form at:**

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/request-new-or-additional-bin](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/request-new-or-additional-bin)

There are extra costs for both of these options, however special consideration is available for eligible residents in financial hardship. Please contact us to discuss your situation on ☎ 9518 3555.

**But before you order a bigger bin, read our tips on how you can reduce waste at home:** 🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/how-to-reduce-rubbish](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/how-to-reduce-rubbish)

Please contact us if you would like more advice.

**NOTE:** only property owners are able to request bins. If you are renting, please contact your Body Corporate or Facilities Manager.

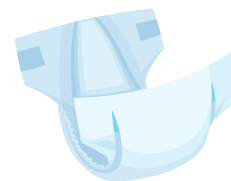


## I currently have a larger rubbish bin, can I get a smaller one?

Yes. If you currently have a 240L rubbish bin, you can request for a smaller 120L rubbish bin. **Contact Waste Services on** ☎ 9518 3555.

## I have children in nappies; will my rubbish bin still be collected fortnightly?

Yes. All rubbish bins allocated to individual addresses will be collected fortnightly starting from August 2022.



To support residents who are using nappies, we are working with other Councils to research and understand how to implement a best practice reusable nappy program that supports parents and increases the use of reusable nappies.

**For more information, please contact April Williams, Senior Sustainability Officer on:**

✉ [april.williams@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:april.williams@monash.vic.gov.au)

☎ 9518 3774



We will continue to provide more information over the coming months.

**If you have any questions, contact us on:** ☎ 9518 3555  
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廣東話	9321 5481	සිංහල	7005 3002
தமிழ்	7005 3003	한국어	9321 5484
Italiano	9321 5483	Bahasa Indonesia	7005 3001

**We look forward to working together with you to keep food and garden waste out of landfill.**